

Maslow Project of Coos County, a collaborative program of 5 school districts in Coos County, receives \$30,000 of its \$115,000 budget from Youth Investment funds. While a significant portion of our salaries have been funded by a McKinney-Vento Subgrant from ODE, the \$30,000 provides for the actual physical location of the drop-in resource center, including rent, utilities and supplies. This funding provides a crucial piece of our basic operating funds, as many foundations won't fund governmental agencies and/or often prefer funding special projects rather than operating funds. Having a physical location allows us to be far more effective and efficient; our project served families and youth representing over 650 children last year. Children are able to receive food, clothing, hygiene supplies, school support, case management and if requested, free access to our mental health therapist, all without an appointment. The physical location also acts as a magnet for community support, attracting in-kind donations of clothing, food and hygiene products valued at over \$80,000 last year.

Maslow Project serves homeless children ages 0-22, reducing the trauma caused by homelessness, and removing barriers to education and employment. We facilitate an average of 10 homeless youth each year to leave the streets and move into transitional housing.